

1777

George Washington had the entire Continental Army (then 4,000 men) vaccinated. This action, considered controversial at the time because few American doctors believed in vaccination, may have saved the Army as a fighting force.

Jan.  
1977

Although the Declaration of Independence was adopted in July 1776, it was not until printer MARY KATHERINE GODDARD distributed her first edition of the Declaration (when commissioned by Congress in Jan 1777) that all of the signers were publicly identified.

Sept 19, 1777

During the Revolutionary War  
American soldiers won the first  
battle of Saratoga.

Aug 16, 1777

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American forces won the  
Revolutionary War Battle of  
Bennington, Vt.

1777-1778

Winter of Valley Forge.

C 10,000 soldiers marched in.  
About 5,500 soldiers marched  
out in the spring

William Howe, had them at  
his mercy, but he was  
warm in Philadelphia.

Dec 17, 1777

France recognized American  
Independence.

Dec 19, 1777

Gen. George Washington led  
his army of about 11,000  
men to Valley Forge, Pa. to camp  
for the winter

( I learned that in Spring of 1778  
only about half made out )

Mar. 15, 1777

The Continental Congress  
approved the Articles of  
Confederation, a precursor  
to the Constitution of the U.S.



July 6, 1777

British troops led by Gen.  
John Burgoyne recaptured  
Fort Ticonderoga on the  
Hudson River, from the  
American rebels.